

## NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

FROM TENNESSEE.

DEFEAT OF SIX HUNDRED REBELS AT PARIS BY A SMALL FORCE OF UNION TROOPS FROM FORT HENRY.

**FORT HENRY** (Tenn.), March 12.—A battalion comprising the First Nebraska and a portion of Col. Curtis' Iowa regiment attacked a force of rebels, about six hundred strong, this morning, defeating them and taking possession of the town of Paris, but being apprised that a large force of rebels were within a few hours' march, distanced the rebels, retired, bringing away a number of prisoners.

Company A lost five men killed, among them the Sergeant Major.

A second battalion, under command of Lieut. Col. Patrick, crossed the river to-day to reinforce them.

## LATE SOUTHERN NEWS.

VIA FORTRESS MONROE.

**FORTRAS MONROE**, March 12. P. M.—A flag of truce was sent from Craney Island to-day with an officer of the French corvette Garonne, who went to Norfolk a few days since. W. find the following in the Southern papers:

In the House of Representatives on Monday a resolution was passed advising planters to withdraw from the cultivation of cotton and tobacco and devote their energies to raising provisions—cattle, hogs, sheep, etc.

On Tuesday a vote of thanks was passed to Captain Buchanan and the officers and crew of the Merrimac for their gallantry in the late action in Hampton Roads.

The Rebel Senate has passed a bill to organize the Supreme Court.

General Johnston has passed a message to Congress yesterday stating that he had suspended Generals Floyd and Pillow from their commands until they could give a more satisfactory account of the action at Fort Donelson. He is dissatisfied with their reports.

The message states that neither of them say that reinforcements were asked for, nor do they show that the position could not have been evacuated and the whole army saved as well as a part of it. It is also not shown by what authority two senior generals abandoned their responsibility by transferring their command to junior officers.

The Richmond Examiner, of yesterday, says considerable uneasiness is manifested by the public, on account of the report of our forthcoming back from Manassas and the Upper Potomac.

Positive assurance is given that these movements have not been made on account of the pressure of the enemy, but are purely strategic.

General Johnston has the confidence of the Administration, and it is certain that a new line of defence will be organized.

The points have not yet been selected, but it is thought probable that the line of defence will extend from Staunton to Gordonsville. A depot of provisions is now being established at the latter place.

The Richmond Examiner contains a secret article against Governor Letcher, for his recent proclamation, and upon the whole body of the rebellion to turn out, designating it as fraudulent, mischievous, and calculated to breed disloyalty.

The proclamation is declared to have been entirely unnecessary, in view of all the facts.

It is reported that the nomination of General Lee, as Commanding General of the Army, was sent to the Senate on Monday.

Charles Williams, of Fredericksburg, and Samuel P. Caney, of Washington city, were on board for disloyalty in Richmond on Monday.

A new theatre is to be built in Richmond, four stories high, in place of the one recently burnt. It is to be finished by July.

An extract is given from the *Messila Times* of the following from the reporter of a revolution in New Mexico against the Federal authorities. It states that M. A. Otero is at the head of the movement and that Brigadier General Sibley has been applied for assistance.

J. V. Bamford, Major U. S. Infantry, Z. R. Bliss, Captain of the Eighth Infantry, and J. O. Van Horn, of the Eighth Infantry, who surrendered to Major General Van Dorn, in Texas, last summer, have been paroled to return home, and arrived in Richmond on Sunday night.

The steamer S. R. Spaulding returned from Hatteras this morning. Commodore Goldsborough is a passenger.

Capt. Sprague has resigned his position as Provost Marshal, and Major Jones, of General Wool's staff, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

All is quiet here this evening.

## PROPOSALS FOR WOOD.

DEPT. QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,  
Corner of Eighteenth and G streets,  
Washington, March 12, 1862.

SEAL'D PROPOSALS will be received at 1 p. m. until Monday, the 18th instant, at 1 o'clock p. m., to furnish the troops in this city and vicinity, north of the Potomac river, within (6) six miles of the city of Washington, for the day of battle, on the 18th instant, for the month of April, 1862, and ending the 20th of September, 1862.

The wood to be of the best quality of oak or hickory, and to be cut in such quantities and at such times as the Depot Quartermaster may direct.

Payments to be made at the end of each month upon the receipt of a bill for the amount drawn upon him. The delivery of the Wood ordered must be shown by the receipt of the officer receiving it (specifying the amount delivered) endorsed upon it.

Wood ordered for regiments, brigades, or divisions must be receipted for by the quartermasters.

The proposals must specify the price per cord of (12) twelve feet long and 8 inches square, and must be plainly marked "Proposals for Wood."

The ability of the bidder to fill the contract should be attested by two respectable persons whose signatures must be appended to the guarantee.

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